



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

10:00 AM

The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence will be led by Chairperson Montaño.

Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Present: Chairperson Montaño, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Moore

Excused: Commissioner Hill

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaño. (11-4475)

**Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:24 a.m.**

2. Approval of the October 5, 2011 Minutes. (11-4476)

On motion of Vice-Chairperson Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2011 were approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for October 12, 2011. (11-4477)

Chairperson Montaño shared the following newspaper articles with the Commission.

Daily Breeze:

ASK US: L.A. County Police (October 11, 2011)
Sheriff Vows to Address County Jail Woes (October 10, 2011)
Probation Head Says He's Out on Own Terms (October 7, 2011)

Los Angeles Times:

Child Welfare by the Numbers (October 11, 2011)
Baca Vows to Review Past Allegations of Deputy Abuse (October 10, 2011)
Ex-Deputy Tell of Abuse of Inmates (October 9, 2011)
Baca Says He's Open to U.S. Probe (October 8, 2011)
Sheriff Investigating Inmate's Death (October 8, 2011)
Deputy Cited Inmate Abuse in Jail (October 7, 2011)

Following discussion Chairperson Montaña read an e-mail from Cassandra Youngblood, Acting Group Home Ombudsman of the Auditor-Controller, stating that Ms. Youngblood will no longer attend the Commission's Business meetings and that Carla Carr will attend in her stead. Also, the email cited the outcome of an investigation from Community Care Licensing investigation of Pennacle Group Home.

Commissioner Moore directed staff to inform the Department of Children and Family Services representative of the Community Care Licensing investigation, in order to address it at the Commission's next monthly Business Meeting.

Additionally, Commissioners Bigby and Hall commented that the Commission should conduct inspections of County jails in light of the fact that the County will soon receive inmates from the State of California prison system; and to develop solutions to enhance programs already being provided at the County jail facilities. The Commission agreed to prepare a presentation to present to Sheriff Baca at a meeting to be determined.

4. Treasurer's Report for October 12, 2011. (11-4478)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$470.77.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports. (11-4479)

Roy Sinclair, Staff, announced reservations for the Commission's Holiday Gathering have been made for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at McCormick and Schmick's for a party of 15. Staff is to inquire about valet parking.

Nyla Jefferson, Staff, reported the revised Commission By-laws require review by County Counsel. County Counsel will also review the required written notice memo to Commissioners which is a formal notification of the revised By-law. Once staff receives approval the written notice will indicate the date the By-laws will be considered for approval.

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports. (11-4480)

The following are Group Home monitoring review reports from the Probation Department, and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) which were inspected by the Sybil Brand Commissioners for Contract Compliance.

The following Group Home was reported as being in full compliance:

Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Heritage Group Home #1 - 20 #4, on October 11, 2011;

Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Penny Lane "Satellite #2" - 33 #3, on October 6, 2011;

Commissioners Hall and Moore visited the Administrative office of Dream Catcher Foundation, on October 6, 2011, and reviewed the Needs and Services Plans of DCFS audit report on Dream Catcher Foundation clients. The caregivers addressed concerns about having to transport all of their clients to a specific location for a supervised family visit for one of the children. Additionally, they conveyed not being reimbursed for clothing allowances required by DCFS.

7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from October 6, 2011 to October 11, 2011. (11-4481)

During the reporting period the following Group Home was reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Commissioners Hall and Moore visited O'Conner & Atkins Home "Bizmark Boys Home" - 29 #3, on October 11, 2011. Commissioner Moore noted that the newly installed air conditioning system was not working, and that the staff at O'Conner & Atkins is working to resolve the issue.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4482)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-4483)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of October 12, 2011. (11-4484)

The October 12, 2011 meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.